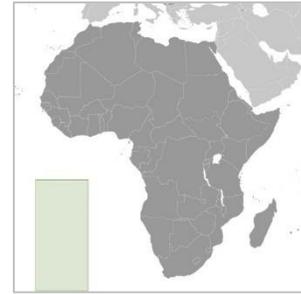




SAINT HELENA, ASCENSION, & TRISTAN DA CUNHA



GOVERNMENT

Chief of State

Queen ELIZABETH II

Head of Government

Governor Philip RUSHBROOK

Government Type

parliamentary democracy

Capital

Jamestown

Legislature

unicameral Legislative Council (17 seats)

Judiciary

Court of Appeal (consists of the court president and 2 justices); Supreme Court; note - appeals beyond the Court of Appeal are heard by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (in London)

Ambassador to US

none (overseas territory of the UK)

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none (overseas territory of the UK)

GEOGRAPHY

Area

Total: 394 sq km

Land: 122 sq km Saint Helena Island, 88 sq km Ascension Island, 194 sq km Tristan da Cunha island group

Water: 0 sq km

Climate

Saint Helena: tropical marine; mild, tempered by trade winds; Ascension Island: tropical marine; mild, semi-arid; Tristan da Cunha: temperate marine; mild, tempered by trade winds (tends to be cooler than Saint Helena)

Natural Resources

fish, lobster

ECONOMY

Economic Overview

depends largely on financial assistance from the UK; the local population earns income from fishing, raising livestock, and sales of handicrafts

GDP (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$31.1 million (FY09/10 est.)

GDP per capita (Purchasing Power Parity)

\$7,800 (FY09/10 est.)

Exports

\$19 million (2004 est.)

Imports

\$20.53 billion (2010 est.)

PEOPLE & SOCIETY

Population

7,860 (July 2020 est.)

Population Growth

0.13% (2020 est.)

Ethnicity

African descent 50%,
White 25%, Chinese 25%

Language

English

Religion

Protestant 75.9% (includes Anglican 68.9, Baptist 2.1%, Seventh Day Adventist 1.8%, Salvation Army 1.7%, New Apostolic 1.4%), Jehovah's Witness 4.1%, Roman Catholic 1.2%, other 2.5% (includes Baha'i), unspecified 0.8%, none 6.1%, no response 9.4% (2016 est.)

note: data represent Saint Helena only

Urbanization

urban population: 40.1% of total population (2020)

rate of urbanization: 0.73% annual rate of change (2015-20 est.)

